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Wheat and Peach Harvest Nearing Completion

Data tables reflect the week ending: **June 27, 2010.**

CROP PROGRESS

Crop	This Week	Last Week	2009	5-Yr Avg.
	Percent			
Corn Silked	76	61	60	66
Cotton Squaring	46	25	34	41
Cotton Setting Bolls	2	0	2	3
Peanuts Planted	95	93	96	99
Peanuts Pegged	10	0	1	10
Soybeans Planted	93	88	89	92
Soybeans Emerged	80	70	76	79
Winter Wheat Harvested	85	59	81	52
Hay Harvested-1 st cutting	91	86	95	N/A
N/A =Not Available				

CROP/LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Exc.
	Percent				
Corn	0	2	15	68	15
Cotton	0	1	21	70	8
Peanuts	0	1	20	76	3
Soybeans	0	3	21	72	4
Winter Wheat	0	3	30	64	3
Livestock	0	1	21	68	10
Pasture & Range	1	3	23	66	7

TOP SOIL MOISTURE

	Days Suitable	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		Percent			
District 10	6.1	0	18	82	0
District 20	6.0	0	25	73	2
District 30	6.5	0	31	68	1
District 40	6.7	18	51	31	0
District 50	5.5	8	19	72	1
District 60	5.1	3	46	51	0
State: Current Week	6.0	4	31	64	1
State: Previous Week	5.5	1	22	76	1

EXTENSION/FSA COMMENTS:

General: Areas across the state continued to witness sporadic rainfall last week. Alex Brand, County Executive Director for Wilcox County stated most areas were extremely dry and received spotty showers. Jim Todd, County Extension Coordinator for Mobile County commented it seemed like the Gulf Coast was in more of an August weather pattern. Afternoon showers were prevalent for a few weeks, but even those were

sporadic. The US Drought Monitor released June 24 indicated the state to be 100 percent free from drought, compared to 100 percent 3 months ago, and 91.9 percent a year ago. Daytime highs for the week ranged from 92 degrees in Sand Mountain to 99 degrees in Montgomery. Overnight lows ranged from 62 degrees in Sand Mountain to 73 degrees in Dothan. Several weather stations reported 0 inches of rainfall, while Dothan reported 2.96 inches of rain over a period of 4 days. The average soil temperature ranged from 83 degrees in Cullman, and 94 degrees in Brewton and Geneva.

Small Grains: Tim Malone, County Executive Director for Lauderdale County stated last week's weather conditions were good for wheat harvest as most producers were finishing. Shane Seay, County Executive Director for Limestone County added wheat harvest reports were indicating that the early planted wheat was good but the later plantings were in fair to poor shape.

Cotton/Corn/Peanuts/Soybeans: Thomas Atkinson, County Executive Director for Madison County commented corn and late soybeans needed rain and some relief from high daytime temperatures. Cotton was doing well, but rainfall would be helpful. Jennifer Stanley, Program Technician for Conecuh County stated the county had 2 days of good rainfall, however corn still needs moisture with the dry heat reaching near 100 degrees daily. James Jones, County Extension Coordinator for Henry County reported his area received much needed rain last week. Peanuts and cotton were doing well. Mr. Malone noted cotton was looking good with a high percentage starting to square. With the rain received, early planted corn should have a great yield if the weather permits. Mr. Seay stated the corn in his area showed slight signs of stress. Cotton progressed with the higher than average temperatures and warm nights.

Fruits/Vegetables: Bobby Boozer, Horticulturist at the Chilton County Research and Extension Center, and author of the Peach Orchard News, reported peach harvest was about finished in south Alabama, and continuing in the central and northern region. The hot weather has affected ripening of varieties, and has slowed overall maturity while hot daytime temperatures have caused uneven ripening of the fruit. Stink bug pressure remained high with a major peak seen during the first part of last week. Brown rot seems to be related to the amount of stink bug feeding occurring in orchards. Rainfall has been scattered and moisture levels variable. Overall, fruit harvest is 75% complete.

Pasture/Hay: Henry Dorough, Regional Extension Agent for Talladega County commented dry conditions continued for some of his area last week. Forages were showing signs of heat stress in locations where rainfall was absent.

ALABAMA'S Weekly Crop Weather for the Period: Monday June 21, 2010 To Sunday June 27, 2010

Weather Station	Air Temperatures				Precipitation			Precipitation since Jan 1			Avg. 4"	GDD Base 50		GDD Base 60	
	High	Low	Avg	DFN	Total	DFN	Days	Total	DFN	% Normal	Soil Temp	Total	DFN	Total	DFN
District 10 Northwest Alabama - Tennessee Valley 46% of Corn Ac., 45% of Soybean Ac.															
Muscle Shoals	95	69	83	6	0.34	-0.59	2	24.46	-3.53	87		231	35	161	35
Russellville	94	69	82	8	1.60	0.74	2	21.41	-8.75	71		225	52	155	52
Belle Mina	96	66	81	5	0.00	-0.92	0	25.41	-3.72	87	87	222	36	152	36
Huntsville Ag	96	70	84	7	0.03	-0.94	1	23.65	-6.70	78		240	49	170	49
Hamilton	97	66	81	6	1.18	0.25	2	34.67	2.95	109		222	43	152	43
District 20 Northeast Alabama - Appalachian Foothills 18% of Corn Ac., 21% of Soybean Ac.															
Anniston AP	96	68	82	5	0.04	-0.87	1	23.91	-5.37	82		224	28	154	28
Cullman Ag	93	66	80	5	0.50	-0.48	1	34.24	2.60	108	83	213	32	143	32
Sand Mountain	92	62	79	5	0.00	-0.91	0	25.01	-4.81	84		208	34	138	34
Gadsden_AP	95	66	81	4	0.51	-0.42	2	23.10	-7.37	76		217	27	147	28
Bridgeport	97	66	82	7	0.40	-0.55	1	29.95	-1.43	95		230	54	160	55
Guntersville	93	69	82	5	0.51	-0.30	2	31.07	2.34	108		227	32	157	32
District 30 North Central Alabama - 7% of Corn Ac., 7% of Soybean Ac.															
Thorsby	97	70	83	6	0.03	-1.03	1	26.17	-4.06	87	84	234	41	164	41
Talladega	95	68	81	6	0.05	-0.97	2	30.53	0.86	103		223	36	153	36
Birmingham_AP	95	70	84	7	0.00	-0.90	0	29.41	0.29	101		236	41	166	41
Alabaster	96	71	83	6	1.08	-0.01	1	29.67	-1.86	94		234	41	164	41
Pinson	95	67	81	6	0.00	-0.97	0	29.32	-1.40	95		218	36	148	36
Opelika_Wtr_Plt	95	68	81	5	0.00	-1.10	0	30.36	-0.15	100		223	34	153	34
Alexander_City	97	67	83	6	0.80	-0.27	1	25.12	-5.63	82		230	38	160	38
Tuscaloosa_AP	97	70	84	5	1.18	0.22	3	25.86	-3.79	87		238	32	168	32
Jasper	94	69	82	6	0.39	-0.59	2	37.84	6.67	121		225	41	155	41
District 40 South Central Alabama - Black Belt 7% of Corn Ac., 9% of Soybean Ac.															
Union Springs	98	68	83	5	0.00	-1.25	0	20.38	-8.99	69		233	30	163	30
Marion Junction	97	71	83	5	0.10	-0.95	1	24.15	-5.24	82	91	236	35	166	35
Montgomery_AP	99	70	85	5	0.07	-0.91	1	20.84	-7.43	74		243	33	173	33
Livingston	97	69	83	5	0.28	-0.72	2	33.46	3.41	111		236	33	166	33
District 50 SW Alabama - Coastal Plain 7% of Corn Ac., 10% of Soybean Ac.															
Bay Minette	96	72	83	4	0.12	-1.32	2	34.68	1.89	106		237	24	167	24
Brewton_AG	96	71	84	5	0.63	-0.87	1	30.01	-3.02	91	94	239	36	169	36
Thomasville	96	70	83	5	0.08	-1.00	2	26.62	-4.25	86		238	33	168	33
Mobile_Bates	97	71	84	3	0.00	-1.21	0	32.99	1.66	105		240	20	170	20
District 60 SE Alabama - Wiregrass 15% of Corn Ac., 8% of Soybean Ac.															
Eufaula_Wildlife	97	70	84	5	1.50	0.41	2	33.62	5.95	122		236	33	166	33
Troy_Municipal	97	69	82	5	0.01	-1.11	1	25.84	-1.89	93		227	27	157	27
Highland Home	97	67	83	5	0.50	-0.55	4	31.96	1.47	105		232	30	162	30
Geneva_Ag	97	69	83	4	1.18	-0.25	5	26.76	-1.82	94	94	237	28	167	28
Headland	98	72	85	6	1.09	-0.17	4	27.19	-2.89	90	91	249	39	179	39
Dothan	96	73	85	6	2.96	1.69	4	26.79	-2.54	91		245	41	175	41

DFN = Departure From Normal (Using 1961-90 Normals Period). Precipitation (rain or melted snow/ice) in inches. Precipitation Days = Days with precip of 0.01 inch or more. Air and Soil Temperatures in Degrees Fahrenheit. PCT of Norm: Cumulative Rainfall since January 1 as a percent of normal (using 1961-90 normals period), 2008. Weather data prepared By AWIS, Inc. For more weather information visit www.awis.com or call 1-888-798-9955.

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